



**County Administrative Office**  
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The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair, Budget Conference Committee  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phillip Ting  
Co-Chair, Budget Conference Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Adult Protective Services Home Safe – Support Assembly Version**

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblyman Ting:

On behalf of the County of San Bernardino, I am writing in support of the Assembly's action to establish Home Safe, a homelessness prevention grant program for victims of elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect. The Assembly's augmentation of \$10 million General Fund ongoing would allow participating counties to provide short-term housing crisis intervention in order to reduce the incidence and risk of homelessness among California's elderly.

Research shows homeless adults are at higher risk of chronic health problems and are likely to die decades earlier than those who are housed. For many victims, the health hardships of homelessness exacerbate the physical and emotional wounds of abuse and neglect, leading to increased emergency room visits and accelerated entry into nursing home care, both at high cost to the state and to taxpayers. With a lack of affordable housing and limited, often fixed incomes for seniors and persons with disabilities, homelessness prevention is necessary. The Home Safe program builds on the best practices and evidence-based principles of rapid re-housing, which is a cost-effective approach that the Legislature has supported in recent years.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your support of the Assembly's action. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood  
First District Supervisor  
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: Members and Consultants, Budget Conference Committee  
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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